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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

FILE NUMBER: 100-106670

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SECTION: 37



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Memorandum

EX FROM SAC, TAMPA (Your file 157-2123) DATE: 8/4/65

TO: Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial Room No. 817 RB(D))

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED UPRISING, ORLANDO, FLORIDA, AUGUST 3, 1965
THREATS RE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING
RM (KLAN)

1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.

ReTPtel dated 8/4/65. Submit LHM by return airtel.

airtel letterhead memo submitted
 DATE report letter 90-day progress letter will be submitted 8/4/65

NRSVK
8-12

Reporting employee _____

3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted _____

4. Status of Appeal Inquiry Investigation Prosecution

airtel letterhead memo
 5. Submit report letter 90-day progress letter by _____

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(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment on top serial in case file.)

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Date: 7/23/65

PLAIN TEXT

Transmit the following in

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REGISTERED MAIL

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 11-21-75

Via

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
SECURITY MATTER - C

OO: Atlanta
{BU File: 100-106670}
{AT File: 100-5586}
{PH File: 100-46230}

REC'd
[Redacted]

COMINFIL OF SCLC; -
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

OO: Atlanta
{BU File: 100-438794}
{AT File: 100-5718}
{PH File: 100-47194}

CLASS. & EXT. BY 9803
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 7-23-65

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, dated 7/15/65, captioned as above, and Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, dated 7/22/65, captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SECURITY MATTER - C."

- 4 - Bureau (ENCLOSURES - 9) (REGISTERED MAIL)
 - 3 - 100-106670 (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
 - 1 - 100-438794 (SCLC)
- 4 - Atlanta (ENCLOSURES - 4) (REGISTERED MAIL)
 - 2 - 100-5586 (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
 - 2 - 100-5718 (SCLC)
- 2 - Chicago (ENCLOSURES - 2) (REGISTERED MAIL)
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- 1 - Detroit (ENCLOSURE - 1) (REGISTERED MAIL) EX 105
- 2 - Newark (ENCLOSURES - 2) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 - New York (ENCLOSURES - 2) (REGISTERED MAIL)
 - 1 - 100-136585 (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
 - 1 - 100-149194 (SCLC)
- 1 - Washington Field (ENCLOSURES - 2) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - Philadelphia
 - 1 - 100-46230 (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
 - 1 - 100-47194 (SCLC)
 - 1 - 100-35291 (WILLIAM NEER)

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1cc & cc LHM

808 RB

AGENCY: ASST. DIR. OSI-SEC. SER.;
DEPT: ISD. CRD

DATE: 7-23-65
HOW FORW: R/S
BY: M Per SEP/MS

Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

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FH 100-46230
FH 100-47194

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and eight copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above. Appropriate copies of the letterhead memorandum have been furnished to interested offices. u

It should be noted that Detroit is not included in the latest revised schedule of KING's tour. u

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[REDACTED] c b(1)

The Bureau and interested offices will be kept advised of additional developments in this matter. u

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

July 23, 1965

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that a meeting was held at the Fellowship House, Philadelphia, Pa., on Tuesday, July 20, 1965, to form an inter-religious and bi-racial committee in connection with a visit of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., to Philadelphia, Pa., on August 2 and 3, 1965. Among those groups invited to the meeting were representatives of the Fellowship House, the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), the Philadelphia Council of Churches, the North Philadelphia United, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), the Anti-Defamation League, the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, and the American Jewish Committee. No representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) were in attendance.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD
OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP
ON 11-26-74

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Group 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF DECLASSIFICATION
DATE 11/11/83

RE CLASS. & EXT. BY 9803 RDD/E fw
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 7-23-85

DECLASSIFIED BY 6080
ON 12-20-77

ENCLOSURE

1. 1066-10-1630

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE:

[REDACTED] stated it was his personal opinion that KING's tour was not needed in Philadelphia since the present public attitude at this time is pro civil rights, and many of the religious and social agencies in this field are well beyond the elementary steps proposed by Dr. KING. He felt that a forty-eight-hour tour could not do anything lasting, and could possibly cause problems, especially since CECILY MOORE, leader of the Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP, could possibly call a counter-demonstration to steal the headlines from KING and his organization. Such action might increase tension as well as develop an open rift in the civil rights movement.

[REDACTED] advised that several of the Jewish representatives were hesitant about officially supporting the meeting since they could not be placed in a position of playing favorites with certain Negro groups or leaders. It was agreed at the meeting that the sponsoring group would be composed of citizens, rather than agencies, to obviate the necessity of securing board action of these agencies to be officially represented. The representatives of the Jewish groups also did not want to be involved in the affair, but could not be placed in a position of not cooperating with the Episcopal Diocese and the Philadelphia Council of Churches.

[REDACTED] many of the members of the committee are well motivated and sincere but politically naive.

[REDACTED] stated it was announced that \$1,250 to cover initial expenses of the tour had been obtained from The Fellowship Commission, Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, Fair Housing Council of Philadelphia, and the Fellowship House.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE:

PA ✓ [redacted] C advised that MAURICE b(1)
FAGIN, Executive Director, Philadelphia Fellowship Commission
indicated the Fellowship Commission loaned the group \$200 or
\$250, but expected to have it paid back. Neither FAGIN nor
the Fellowship Commission participated in the meeting of
July 20, 1965.

[redacted] C b(1)
the
group was told that ninety per cent of the funds collected
would stay in Philadelphia, and the remaining ten per cent would
go to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. No
explanation was given as to how the Philadelphia share would
be divided or used.

An organizing manual was distributed to all present,
a copy of which is attached. u C

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advised that the tour
will center around an appointment with Mayor JAMES H. J. TATE
of Philadelphia and any other officials designated by the Mayor.
Local leaders will accompany Dr. KING, who will present to the
Mayor a series of "demands."

The tentative schedule for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
in Philadelphia is as follows: u

MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1965:

8:30 a.m.

Breakfast at Fellowship House
with approximately two-hundred
representatives of inter-
group agencies, labor and
religious movements. At this
time a prepared statement will
be presented to Dr. KING by
the local leaders, at which
time KING will respond.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE:

MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1965: (continued)

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. Dr. KING will meet clergy of all denominations.

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Meeting with a group of civil rights leaders at a downtown hotel.

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Rally in suburban Philadelphia with preference being given to Suburban Square in Ardmore, Pa.

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Fund-raising meetings in private homes. u

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1965:

Meeting with Mayor TATE and city officials. u

Street-corner rallies in North, Central, West, and South Philadelphia. u

Possible luncheon with a group of businessmen in influential positions, at which time the question of integration of Girard College will be the subject for discussion. u

The final event for Tuesday evening is to be a large public rally, probably at the Baptist Temple on North Broad Street in Philadelphia, Pa. u

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PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

NORTHERN CITY TOUR

July 24 - August 4, 1965

Organization Manual

This manual is designed to give you information you will need regarding the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Northern City Tour and to help you prepare for the event.

The time is short. If your community and the forces of good will among you are to make the most of Dr. Martin Luther King's visit, an intensive job of organization and promotion must be undertaken immediately.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
People To People Tour Office
812 S Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20001
Area Code 202 232-2880

Walter E. Fauntroy
Project Director

Andrew J. Young
Executive Director

Martin Luther King, Jr.
President

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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE TOUR?

The staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will tour several Northern cities this summer, spending an average of two days in each, to:

- Acquaint ourselves with the leadership of the civil rights movement and the forces of good will in the community.
- Get a first hand picture and understanding of some of the problems faced in the Northern city, by visiting local communities and talking with local leaders.
- Assist local leadership in interpreting the issues of the movement to a broader base of the community through a tour of Negro and selected white communities with frequent rallies on street corners or other appropriate places.
- Rally the support of a coalition of the forces of good will around common goals.

WHO SPONSORS THE TOUR?

S.C.L.C. hopes that the broadest possible coalition of the forces of good will in the community - church, civil rights, labor, student, civic, fraternal and social organizations - will cooperate in planning and executing this effort.

We believe that such a coalition of conscience exists around civil rights and related issues in most northern communities; we are convinced that an effective assault on the complex problems of our large urban centers requires the united and coordinated activity of all such groups.

TOUR SCHEDULE

~~MEMPHIS~~ - Saturday, Sunday and Monday
July 24, 25 and 26

~~CLEVELAND~~ - Tuesday and Wednesday, July 27 & 28

~~BROOKLYN~~ NEW YORK, HARLEM - Thursday, Friday &
Saturday, July 29, 30 & 31

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THE PROPOSED TOUR SCHEDULE (continued)
PHILADELPHIA - Monday, August 2
WASHINGTON, D. C. - Tuesday & Wednesday,
August 3 & 4.

SUGGESTED FORMAT FOR THE TOUR

First Day

1. Breakfast with the combined civil rights, church, labor, etc., leaders
 - a. General explanations of community problems by leaders (impromptu, brief and instructive)
 - b. Prepared statement on community problems presented by a representative of the combined leadership
 - c. Response by Dr. King
2. Meeting with ALL the clergy
3. Tour and street corner rallies

Second Day

1. Tour and street corner rallies
2. Meeting with the Mayor and other public officials (attended by a cross section of the local leadership and Dr. King.
3. Mass Rally - To report on tour and meeting and to raise funds for present or future coalition efforts around common goals.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ORGANIZING THE TOUR

I. PROMOTION

Because time is so short, the success of this project will depend largely upon intensive and extensive promotion and public relations work. For this reason, we recommend that a competent public relations consultant be hired to manage the promotion of the tour (to be paid out of the proceeds).

Such a person should, with the help of an adequate staff of volunteers, be asked to undertake such things as the following:

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1. LEAFLET drafting, printing and distribution.
2. POSTER drafting, printing and distribution (e.g. Dr. Martin Luther King to speak here on this corner - Wednesday -- 11:30 A.M.).
3. Draft and Disseminate spot radio announcements.
4. Secure and dispatch sound trucks for pre-tour build up.
5. Prepare press releases and arrange press conferences as plans develop.

II. ARRANGEMENTS

May we suggest that the following kinds of details be handled by the sponsors as a whole:

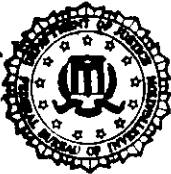
1. Contact all community leaders to solicit their participation and support.
2. Select site for leadership breakfast.
3. Select sites for street corner rallies.
4. Secure necessary permits.
5. Select site for Mass Meeting.
6. Arrange for adequate loud speaker systems at all rally sites.
7. Organize advance teams to precede the main body at each rally site with music, loud-speaker and platform truck.
8. Secure appointment with the Mayor and public officials.
9. Agree on issues to be focused upon.
10. Set up Fund Raising Committee to handle the collection, counting and banking of funds.
11. Compile and publicize a complete itinerary of tour activities.
12. Draft plans for immediate follow-up of the People to People Tour by the coalition groups.

This list is by no means comprehensive. Use it only as a guide line to the kind of detail that is necessary for the success of a project like this. You may choose to add or eliminate several steps as your planning goes forward.

If you have any questions to ask or suggestions to make as you plan and execute this project, feel free to call the People To People Tour Office listed on the cover or otherwise contact The Rev. Mr. Fauntroy, the Rev. Mr. Young or Dr. King.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

July 23, 1965

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Title: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Character:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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DATE: 7/27/65

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C

ReBulet to Atlanta, 6/18/65.

Indices of NYO contain no information regarding ~~ALFRED CAIN~~ and ~~IRVING CENTER~~. Credit and criminal records were checked in regard to these individuals, but no pertinent information was located.

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DATE 12-16-80 BY SP4JRM/ld
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- 1 - New York (#42)

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL.
 (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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JUL 24 1965

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Mr. Callahan	_____
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Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI CHICAGO

1116 AM CDST URGENT 7/24/65 JLS
TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) AND ATLANTA (100-5586)
FROM CHICAGO (100-35356) 1P

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C.

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[REDACTED] "CHICAGO DEFENDER", TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO SOUTH

MICHIGAN AVENUE, AT TEN THIRTY AM THIS DATE ADVISED AN ANONYMOUS
CALL HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT "DEFENDER" OFFICES TEN FIFTEEN AM, WHEREIN
A MALE VOICE STATED KING WOULD BE POISONED DURING HIS CHICAGO VISIT.

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ATLANTA REQUESTED TO NOTIFY ATLANTA PD. [REDACTED]

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DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, CHICAGO PD, SECRET SERVICE AND MILITARY
ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) DATE: 7/26/65

FROM : *JKP*
cm SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
 SM-C

Re Bulet to Atlanta 7/20/65 requesting Atlanta determine the family relationship between subject and CHEVENE B. KING of Albany, Georgia.

Review of Atlanta Indices fails to reflect information which resolves the question posed by the Bureau. Accordingly, the answer to this question is being sought through contact with established reliable sources in Albany, Georgia.

The Bureau will be promptly advised of results of above.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 12-16-80 BY SP4 JRM/LL

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1- Atlanta
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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 7/21/65

FROM :

*JKP
mw*

SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586) (P)

~~REC-52~~

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM-C

Re Bulet to Atlanta dated 6/18/65.

Atlanta Indices fail to reflect any reference identifiable with IRVING CENTER mentioned in referenced letter.

Review of the current Atlanta City Directory and inquiry at the Credit Bureau of Atlanta, Inc., for the name IRVING CENTER and variations thereof (CENTOR, SENTER, SENTOR) has proved negative.

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- 2- Bureau (RM)
- 1- New York (100-136585) (RM)
- 1- Atlanta (100-5586)
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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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ReAirtel and letterhead memorandum (LHM) 7/15/65.
Enclosed for New York and Washington Field are one copy each of
referenced LHM and accompanying memorandum concerning the reli-
ability of the informant.

It was reported in referenced communications that King
had recently discussed the current international situation with
Dr. Jerry Reed (phonetic). The exchange of information between
King and Reed was such as to indicate the necessity for identifying
Reed if possible.

Atlanta and New York should be alert to information
available from established sources which would help to identify
Reed. Also conduct appropriate file reviews. As there is a
bare possibility that this individual may be located in
Washington, D. C. and possibly connected with the Government,
Washington Field Office should make an appropriate inquiry
including a check of its files.

The Bureau should be kept promptly advised of any
pertinent information concerning the identity of Reed, and
that which may be disseminated should be submitted by LHM.

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Re Los Angeles airtel and letterhead memorandum 7/12/65, concerning KING's appearance on the KNXT-TV, Los Angeles, program "Newsmakers," 7/10/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 2 copies, 1 for Atlanta, of a verbatim transcript of the above-mentioned program for information.

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TRANSCRIPT OF CHANNEL 2, KNXT-TV, LOS ANGELES
PROGRAM "NEWSMAKERS," 7/10/65, 6:30 p.m. to
7:00 p.m. FEATURING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

"Now, more than ever before, we must supersoothe the course of non-violence to achieve a reign of justice and a rule of love in our society. Hatred and violence must be cast into an unending void if we are to survive."

Those are the words of tonight's newsmaker, the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a recipient of the Nobel Prize for Peace, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Tonight in our studios in an unedited and unrehearsed broadcast, Dr. KING will be the object of incisive questioning on a variety of subjects by our KNXT panel, anchored by MAURY GREEN and backed up by Channel 2 newsmen PAUL UDELL and SAUL HOLBERT on "Newsmakers."

Dr. KING, last week you called for a negotiated settlement of the war in Vietnam and other civil rights leaders immediately disagreed. JAMES FARMER of CORE said that involving the civil rights movement in foreign policy could fragment the Negro community and ROY WILKINS of the NAACP reacted this way on the CBS program "Face the Nation:" "We think we have enough Vietnam in Alabama to occupy our attention. We'll leave foreign policy to the United States and enter our objections as citizens who know very little about it, but as for a major drive in this direction, our major drive is for the enjoyment of civil rights by the Negro citizens of this country. We don't believe in dividing our energies; we don't have that many energies." Dr. KING, in view of the strong reaction by other civil rights leaders, countered to your opinions, have you had any second thoughts on your statement?

KING: No, I haven't. I'm just as firm now as ever before on the statement I made a few days ago concerning the need for a negotiated settlement in the whole struggle in Vietnam. I must make it clear that I did not advocate at that time a unilateral withdrawal on the part of the United States. I think that there must be a negotiated settlement involving all parties involved in that very tragic conflict. I think it is necessary to say that Mr. WILKINS and Mr. FARMER have

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good points when they say that we have neither the energies nor the resources in the civil rights movement to go all out in the peace struggle, but I think that we must see that I'm much more than a civil rights leader. I happen to be a Minister of the Gospel. I'm the pastor of a church and in that role I have a priestly function as well as a prophetic function, and in the prophetic role I must constantly speak to the moral issues of our day far beyond civil rights, and I was speaking in this particular situation in terms of my own personal witness on the terms of peace. This is a burning issue of our time and I feel that it is necessary for me to continue to speak on it. I can never overlook the fact that as we struggle to develop an integrated society that we must be as concerned about survival and we must be as concerned about the existence of the world in which to be integrated as we are about the kind of integrated society that we talk about.

I think the question raised here was whether you do not alienate those persons who agree with you on civil rights, but disagree with you on Vietnam; alienate them from your cause, at a time when you cannot afford to alienate anyone.

KING: I don't think that this will happen. I'm sure that there are many people who will disagree with me on this and disagree with others, but I think as President JOHNSON said in his speech at John Hopkins University on Vietnam some months ago that there is room for healthy debate on this issue and I'm sure that the people who cannot quite go along with my point of view wouldn't be alienated from the civil rights struggle. In a real sense, there can be no peace in the world unless there's justice and there can be no justice without peace. I think in a sense these problems are inextricably bound together. I have not called for an organized effort on the part of the civil rights movement to engage in demonstrations around the peace question. I simply said that as devotees of civil rights, we must be as concerned about world peace, because in the final analysis this is the most pressing issue

confronting our age and I think every concerned citizen of good will must be concerned about the threat of nuclear annihilation and if this war continues to be escalated, then this threat becomes an even greater and a more ominous possibility.

Well, Dr. KING, you equate civil rights and peace and in the civil rights area you demonstrate and you've indicated that you are considering that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is considering demonstrating in favor of peace in Vietnam. Have you decided to do so?

KING: No, I think that was a false report altogether. I never said anything about organizing demonstrations around the Vietnam situation. I merely said that I will have to speak out on this issue, because it is a burning issue of our time and there would be a need at points to engage in teach-ins to inform the public, but I have no plans to engage in demonstrations around this. I have not recommended it to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and as the press reported wrongly, we were not in a meeting, a board meeting, or a convention of the SCLC when I made this speech. I was merely speaking to an audience sponsored by the Virginia unit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and as I said, I was giving a personal witness rather than an organizational resolution.

Dr. KING, on another subject, Reverend REESE from Selma, Alabama, has been accused by the authorities there of, in effect, taking money, I believe out of the till of the civil rights movement. What do you think of this charge?

KING: Well, let me make it clear in the beginning, I firmly believe that civil rights organizations, and all organizations that are dependent on the public for their funds, must be absolutely responsible in the handling of these funds, and this is why I insist on thorough and meticulous records of

the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the thorough auditing of every penny that comes into our organization. The Dollars Counter-Voters League happens to be an affiliate of SCLC but it is an autonomous unit that handles its own money. I would say on the question of Reverend REESE that this is still in the realm of accusation and accusation must not be confused with truth. He still has a right on the basis of the long tradition of our system of jurisprudence to be considered innocent until he is proven guilty and I'm willing to go along with this presumption of innocence until the facts are in. I have demonstrated our good faith in SCLC and I believe in fair play and justice by calling for and already initiating a sort of independent investigation of the facts and examination of the whole situation there. I've already asked several of our men to go in to start this investigation because I am not unmindful of the fact that in a hostile setting like Selma, Alabama, one can be the victim of persecution rather than prosecution, and I am not unmindful of the fact that the same grand jury that indicted him and the same forces that arrested him are the same forces that have been extremely negligent about dealing with and assuring the rights of Negroes and about bringing to the Hall of Justice the murderers of civil rights workers and Negroes in Selma, Alabama.

Well, Dr. KING, are you suggesting that the charges may be an attempt to embarrass the civil rights movement?

KING: This is a possibility. We've had this to happen before and I'm sure that it can happen again. We must see that in Selma, Alabama, when we started our campaign there, there were only 300 and some Negroes registered to vote. Today, more than 6,000 Negroes have signed the so-called appearance book, which means that in the next few days with the passage of the voting bill and the presence of federal examiners in the Selma community, you will have (not audible) 6,500 Negroes registered to vote. This becomes a real power factor in Selma, Alabama, and I'm sure by those forces who have determined to block this and to smear the movement in order to confuse the Negro community and to confuse the issues so much that this vote will continue to mount and I have no doubt that it will continue to mount as the days unfold.

We'll continue our questioning of tonight's Newsmaker, the Reverend Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in just a moment when we'll take a closer look at the Reverend KING, the Nobel Prize winner and the man.

He did not get the prophetic name of MARTIN LUTHER until he was six years old. His father, a minister before him, changed it from the name MICHAEL that young KING was given when he was born in Atlanta, 36 years ago. Young MARTIN LUTHER gravitated somewhat reluctantly into the ministry and was ordained in his father's church when he was 18. He married a promising young singer, CORETTA SCOTT, when both were students in Boston, where KING received his PhD. KING might have remained just an active local minister at a parish in Montgomery, Alabama. He could have enjoyed life with his wife and four children, and played sand lot ball and the other sports he enjoyed so much, had it not been for an incident in Montgomery in December, 1955 when ROSA PARKS, the seamstress on the right here, refused to give up her bus seat to a white person and the Montgomery bus boycott was born. KING was its leader, articulating the longings of his people, and the leader he has remained, marching with them, going to jail with them. His latest arrest in Selma, Alabama was his 17th. Facing danger to himself and his family, this was the home of the Reverend KING's brother, shattered by a bomb in Birmingham. He was one of the leaders of the famous 1963 march on Washington, meeting later with President JOHN F. KENNEDY. At 35, he went on to be the youngest man ever to receive the Nobel Prize for peace. Since then, he has led demonstrations in dozens of cities, has conferred with President JOHNSON, and has made his views known to the world in books with such titles as "Strength to Love," "Stride Toward Freedom," and "Why We Can't Wait."

Dr. KING, you have already announced that you plan personally to lead massive civil rights demonstrations here in Los Angeles shortly. Why has this city been chosen as a target for such action?

KING: Well, we have several cities in mind for summer activity in the North, and this is because the problems of the North are very serious and they're growing more serious every day in the area of race relations. These problems are really threefold. The problem of housing discrimination, the problem of de facto segregation in the schools and the lack of quality integrated education and the problem of job discrimination and poverty within the Negro community. Los Angeles has been chosen specifically because I have been invited here by the local Negro leadership working so passionately in the area of justice generally, but trying to make the poverty bill meaningful and real and particular. There is a feeling and I think its a justifiable feeling that this bill, as proposed by the Mayor and the City Council, will not be properly administered because it excludes from participation in decision making on the policy level the very people who have been the victims of poverty and economic insecurity, and the poverty program must not, in any community, become a political football. It must not become a bill that is used by any of the forces in the political power structure for various ends, but it must be a bill that serves the purpose that it came into being to serve; namely, the bringing into the main stream of our whole nation and American life those who have been excluded because of poverty.

Dr. KING, so far the civil rights movement here in Los Angeles has really not been able to mount massive civil rights demonstrations. Do you think that this poverty issue has a different dimension? What makes you think that there can be large demonstrations on this point?

KING: I think that many people are concerned about the problem of poverty and concerned about the poverty bill being adequately and properly dealt with and administered. I'm not only speaking of Negroes at this point because along the way and along the years, some of our strongest and most vocal allies have come from the white community and I'm sure that there are many white allies that will join with thousands and thousands of Negroes in protesting this issue. Poverty is a reality. It is something we can't overlook and it is something

many people will be outraged about when they discover that it is not being properly dealt with.

Doctor, the basic charge against the type of argument which you advanced regarding those people that are poverty stricken having a voice in the administration program is that by virtue of being poor, it does not guarantee that you are able to see how the program should be directed. Do you believe the poor do have this insight into the direction of such a program?

KING: Oh, I think so, very definitely. First, because one is poverty stricken does not mean that that individual does not have basic intelligence. As I've gone through the Appalachian regions of our country, and even the delta of Mississippi where you've had a lack of educational opportunities, I've been amazed at the basic intelligence of individuals who've been deprived of so much, and I think that these victims of great deprivation are much more intelligent than many people realize, and I think they can make decisions. Since they have been the victims of poverty, I think they, more than anybody else, will know the programs that will help them, and they, more than anybody else, it seems to me, would have the capacity to participate in the decisions that will determine their destiny.

Is one of the reasons to revive or stimulate interest by Los Angeles Negroes in civil rights programs and thereby perhaps stimulate a flow of contributions?

KING: Well, I don't believe that the basic purpose of this drive is to stimulate contributions for the civil rights movement. I've talked to the local leaders. I think they are motivated, first by deep love for American democracy and also by a commitment to the poverty program and its importance, but above all, they are motivated by a desire to see the program properly administered. There are many issues that can be dealt with on the question of civil rights in California, and it goes far beyond the poverty issue. The fact that there is widespread

discrimination in housing and the fact that this state turned the clock of history back, so to speak, by repealing a fair housing law, then all the questions of segregation in the schools and the question of job discrimination, as well as the problems of joblessness generally, growing out of automation and cybernation. There are many issues that can arouse this community a great deal and I think the poverty issue is now the pressing one because of the urgency of it and because the grant is the thing that is now standing before this community.

We'll continue our questioning of tonight's Newsmaker, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in just a moment.

Dr. KING, the Southern Regional Council reported only a few days ago that unreasoning blind hatred of whites is on the increase in the Negro community in the South, and we've had the formation of an organization recently called the Deacons which buys and uses guns, or intends to use them if necessary. Now in Bogalusa, Louisiana, we've just had an incident in which apparently the Deacons were involved where a white man was shot. You, yourself, are an advocate of non-violence. Do you approve of the Deacons?

KING: I would say that I understand the deep frustration and the discontent and the seething desperation of Negroes who find themselves, as we so often do, in situations where there is no protection from law enforcement agencies and where the mobsters and the Klansmen and the other persons who will use violence against us are aided and abetted by law enforcement agencies, so I'd like to make it very clear in the beginning that I understand this and I do not want to speak with the kind of self-righteousness at this point that will cause me to fail to sympathize with those who, out of deep frustration and discontent, turn to violence. On the other hand, I'm still convinced that violence in our struggle is not only immoral and I think that is true, but also impractical. Consequently, I would have to say that the approach of the Deacons is an impractical approach. I say that for two or three reasons. First, when you develop a violent campaign, you confuse the issue and you get people talking about reign of violence and Negroes turning to violence and they forget to

talk about the fact that segregation is an issue, that injustice pervades the community and this is a main issue. The second thing is that the line of demarcation between defensive violence that the Deacons talk about and aggressive violence is very thin and when you begin to teach people to use violence even defensively in a movement, you put them in the position of unconsciously or consciously turning to violence in an aggressive sense. I'm sure that people want to defend themselves. I don't need to preach that in anybody. I don't think anybody needs to do it. That will be individual acts of individuals who will defend themselves when they are caught in these situations but the Deacons, I think, make the mistake of trying to develop a movement around defensive violence and I think this is its impracticality. The other thing is that we can't win a violent campaign. Many of our opponents would welcome our turning to violence and they would use this as an excuse to wipe out many innocent people. We have neither the techniques nor the instruments of violence, and we must never forget that we are 10 per cent of the population in the United States; and we must never forget the other thing as I've said so often -- we are seeking to live with an (inaudible) condition the very people that are our opponents today, and we must be sure that we engage in the kind of struggle that will bring about creative tension, that will develop wounds that will heal rather than develop in festering sores that will not heal.

Dr. KING, our time is getting a little short. I wonder if you could give us a brief answer to a rather personal question. You, yourself, have become a symbol of non-violence and of the civil rights movement. You, yourself, have been threatened many times. Are you worried about this? Are you concerned about your personal safety?

KING: Well, I don't worry about it. Naturally, I'm concerned about my personal safety and it is true that every day I live under the threat of death. I get numerous letters of a threatening nature and numerous threatening calls, but I think ultimately one has to be philosophical about this and I don't think I could function if I moved around every day

worrying about the fact that something will happen and realism impels me to admit that something can happen -- assassinations can take place, but it is my feeling that if an individual has not developed some cause, some truth, some principle that he is so committed to that he will die for it, he isn't fit to live. I think that unmerited suffering in the final analysis is redemptive.

Thank you, Dr. KING. Our time's up. Goodnight.

Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was tonight's Newsmaker.

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The following information was obtained from confidential sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past and from observations by Special Agents of this Bureau. This information concerns the continuing relationship between Stanley David Levison and Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which organization King heads. Levison is a frequent advisor to King and a long-time communist whose secret membership in the Communist Party, USA, has been established as recently as July, 1963. (S)

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Levison, whose residence is in New York City, visited Atlanta, Georgia, from July 11 to 13, 1965. Prior to his trip, Levison told an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference that he had proposed a fund-raising program of which King approves and which King plans to present to a future meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference. Levison expressed the opinion that Ralph Abernathy, Treasurer of the Conference, will oppose his program inasmuch as it requires an initial expenditure of money. Levison believed that Abernathy would not desire to spend the money even though it will eventually raise more funds for them. Levison's proposal calls for soliciting funds through various churches. Levison planned to see Abernathy in Atlanta on this matter.

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On July 12, 1965, several staff members of the Conference were observed having a luncheon meeting at an Atlanta restaurant. Included among those present were King, Levison and Cordy T. Vivian who was a member of the Communist Party, USA, in 1947. After luncheon, this group adjourned to a near-by business office. On July 12, 1965, Mrs. Coretta King, the wife of Martin, indicated that she was planning on having Stanley Levison at her home for dinner that evening.

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On July 14, 1965, Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones, who is also an advisor of King, conferred concerning King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Levison referred to a trip he had made to Atlanta, Georgia, beginning July 11, 1965, to discuss with King affairs of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, including a convention. In this connection, it is noted that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference plans to hold a convention in Birmingham, Alabama, August 9 to 18, 1965. (S) (u)

Levison told Jones that he and Jones are to work on draft resolutions for the convention and he, Levison, felt that there should be a resolution on Vietnam. Levison said that King had received a statement from Linus Pauling which generally follows the suggestions of U Thant, Secretary General of the United Nations, for a cease-fire and settlement on the basis of the Geneva Conference. Levison said that this statement has been signed by every living Nobel Peace Prize winner except Ralph Bunche and that the convention could endorse this statement and do it appropriately. Pauling is a Nobel Prize winner and a well-known pacifist. (S) (u)

Levison also told Jones that they are trying to get speakers for the convention and suggested Senator Robert F. Kennedy of New York. It was agreed to ask Kennedy and Senator Thomas H. Kuchel of California. (S) (u)

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NOTE:

See memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan, same caption, dated 7/16/65, prepared by SFP:jas.

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FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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We have prepared a memorandum for dissemination to the White House, the Secretary of State and the Attorney General which depicts the continuing close relationship between Stanley David Levison, the long-time communist, and Martin Luther King, Jr., and his organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. This memorandum reports Levison's visit to Atlanta, Georgia, 7/11-13/65, where he conferred with King and other Conference staff members. Prior to going to Atlanta, Levison indicated that he was going to propose a fund-raising program for use by King and intended to discuss it with the Conference's Treasurer, Ralph Abernathy.

After Levison's return to New York City, he discussed with Clarence Jones, another King advisor with a communist background, the trip to Atlanta. Included in their discussion was a suggestion by Levison that a forthcoming convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference draft a resolution concerning Vietnam which calls for a cease-fire and settlement on the basis of the Geneva Conference. They also discussed obtaining as speakers for the convention, Senators Robert F. Kennedy (Democrat) of New York and Thomas H. Kuchel (Republican) of California. (u)

It was also indicated by Levison that he had taken with him on his trip to Atlanta one Wally Albertson. We presently have leads outstanding with several offices to fully identify Albertson in order to establish any subversive background and connection with King's organization and, if appropriate, will disseminate information concerning Albertson's connection with King and his organization. (u)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached copies of the memorandum be forwarded by routing slips to the White House, the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorneys General Yeagley and Dept.

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(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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July 20, 1965

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable John J. Gilligan
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

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DATE 12-16-80 BY SP4 JSD/MLD
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Your letter of July 19, 1965, has been received, and I am sorry that our response to your communication of April 28, 1965, has not been brought to your attention.

b7(c) After receiving your communication, I directed Special Agent [redacted] to contact your office. He did so on May 4, 1965, and advised your Legislative Assistant, Mr. Edward J. Wagner, that information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Also that the FBI, being an investigative agency of the Federal Government, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. For these reasons, it was pointed out that I am not in a position to verify or disconfirm the characterizations attributed to the individuals appearing on the post card which you had forwarded with your communication.

[redacted] made available a circular containing the photograph which appeared on the post card you forwarded and pointed out that the FBI has no data indicating that the names printed on it are not correct.

b7(c) [redacted] also explained that this Bureau has been in receipt of numerous circulars depicting what appears to be a similar photograph as contained on the post card. Mr. Wagner's

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1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
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Honorable John J. Gilligan

attention was directed to the individual labeled number two on this circular noting that this person has been cropped from the post card photograph. In the event this circular has been misplaced in your office, please let me know and I will see that you are furnished another copy immediately.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

b7(c)
NOTE: The post card forwarded by Congressman Gilligan was returned to him by [REDACTED] along with the circular described above. Congressman Gilligan was elected in November, 1964, and no derogatory information appears in Bufiles concerning him.

JOHN J. GILLIGAN
1ST DISTRICT, OHIO

SUITE 442
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
PHONE: 225-3185

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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July 19, 1965

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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b7(c) [Redacted]

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On April 26, 1965 I sent your office a photo-card showing Dr. Martin Luther King seated at a gathering with other people, and the word "Communist" printed across the front of three people seated near Dr. King.

We asked your office to identify the names of these three persons if you could possibly do so. We have had no reply to our request to this date. Is it possible to secure the information we want, and may we also have the photo-card returned? I will appreciate your cooperation.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of John J. Gilligan

John J. Gilligan, M.C.

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DATE OF REVIEW 7-16-85

TO : Director, FBI (100-106670)
FROM: SAC, Albany (100-18761) RUC
RE : MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.
SM - C



Re Atlanta teletype 7/14/65. u

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies and for Atlanta two copies of LHM relative to KING's travel to Syracuse, New York, 7/15/65. Information copies designated for Chicago, Cleveland, New York and Philadelphia in view of KING's announced plans this summer of non-violent demonstrations in those cities against de facto segregation in schools. u

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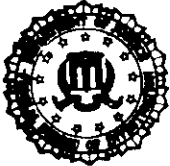
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Albany, New York

July 16, 1965

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.
SECURITY MATTER - C

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related that Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. (President of Southern Christian Leadership Conference - SCLC), was guest speaker at the annual Summer Sessions Banquet held at Sims Dining Hall, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, on the evening of July 15, 1965. Source related that King was scheduled to arrive from New York City at 6:19 p.m., July 15, 1965, via Mohawk Airlines Flight 63. His flight was about one hour late in arrival, due to a delay in New York City. Source stated that Reverend King returned to New York City on July 15, 1965, via Mohawk Airlines Flight 158, departing Syracuse at 10:30 p.m.

Source related that there were about 1,000 paid admissions to the banquet at a cost of \$5.00 per ticket. Provisions had been made for an overflow audience in Gifford Hall, Syracuse University, but this was not necessary. King spoke for about 30 minutes, and source stated his topic was "The Role of Education in the Civil Rights Movement". Source observed that there were no incidents or disturbances during the period of King's visit to Syracuse, New York. u

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who was present at the above banquet, related that Dr. Charles V. Willie, Associate Professor, Youth Development Center, Syracuse University, introduced Dr. King at the Summer Sessions Banquet and told the audience that he and King were college classmates. Source identified the Master of Ceremonies as Dr. William W. Wayson, an Assistant Professor in the

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Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

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School of Education, Syracuse University, and the Chairman of the Summer Sessions Banquet Committee for 1965. Source advised that each year the summer session holds a banquet for faculty and students to bring before them a prominent speaker with a challenging topic. This year, the Committee decided to obtain the services of Dr. King.

According to an article appearing on page one of the "Post-Standard," a Syracuse, New York, daily newspaper, dated July 16, 1965, captioned "Dr. King Reveals Plan For Northern Protests," it was revealed that King, in a press conference on July 15, 1965, prior to a speech at Syracuse University, disclosed that Chicago, Cleveland, Philadelphia and New York City will be the targets this summer of non-violent demonstrations against de facto school segregation. The article stated that the Chicago demonstrations will begin next week and will mark the first move into the north on a large scale. A major objective in Chicago, Dr. King stated, will be to force the school superintendent to resign. Dr. King, according to the article, defended the right of civil rights groups to be alarmed about Viet Nam because they are concerned about the continued existence and survival of the world in which we live. u

During his speech, Dr. King, according to the news article, called for enactment of what he termed a "broad-based and gigantic bill of rights for the disadvantaged," similar in some respects to the G.I. Bill of Rights for war veterans. King seeks a declaration, in law, that \$3,000.00 is the annual minimum subsistence floor for every family in the nation. The article states all families earning less than \$3,000.00 would be required by law to receive direct payments to fill the gap between a family's actual income and the \$3,000.00 minimum. Dr. King estimated it would cost at least five billion dollars a year to finance the program. u

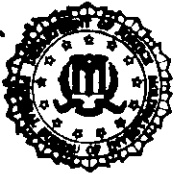
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Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. X

The article continued that Dr. King, in his speech at Syracuse University, devoted most of his talk to education. He declared that evils flourish in public schools in every section of the nation. King stated, according to the article, that he doubted the school problem can be solved without "overcoming the intertwined, degenerative evils of discriminatory housing and employment". u

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Albany, New York

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Reference Letterhead memorandum dated
 and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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DATE: 7/15/65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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Bishop

The continuing close relationship between Stanley David Levison, the long-time communist, and Martin Luther King, Jr., and his organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is depicted in a memorandum we have prepared for dissemination to the White House and Attorney General. This memorandum reports that Levison visited Atlanta, Georgia, 7/11-13/65 where he conferred with King and other Conference staff members. He was also expected as a dinner guest at the King residence on 7/12/65.

Prior to going to Atlanta, Levison told a Conference employee that he had proposed a fund-raising program of which King approves and which King plans to present to a future meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference. Levison was concerned that the Conference's Treasurer Ralph Abernathy would oppose his program which calls for soliciting funds through various churches because the program requires an initial expenditure of money. Levison planned to see Abernathy in Atlanta on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached copies of the memorandum be forwarded by routing slips to the White House, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and Assistant Attorneys General Yeagley and Doar.

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TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: 7/13/65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

My memorandum to you 7/12/65 reported that Stanley David Levison, the long-time communist, had flown from New York City to Atlanta 7/11/65 to attend a staff meeting of King's organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, scheduled for noon 7/12/65.

I thought that you would be interested in knowing that several members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference staff met in an Atlanta restaurant around noon 7/12/65. One of those present was Levison. Within minutes after the group left the restaurant, our Agents observed King also depart that establishment. The entire group, including Levison and King, then went to the office of an insurance company and there is a strong presumption that they continued their meeting there.

The Atlanta Office, through its highly sensitive coverage as well as physical surveillances, is attempting to obtain further details concerning Levison's presence in Atlanta. He is scheduled to return to New York City tomorrow, 7/14/65.

ACTION:

Upon Levison's departure from Atlanta, we will correlate the details available as of that time and apprise the White House, the Attorney General and the intelligence community of this latest Levison association with King and his organization.

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1 - 100-392452 (Stanley David Levison)

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Date: 7/9/65

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-57229)
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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 DATE OF REVIEW 7-9-85

Re Los Angeles radiogram to Director and Atlanta dated 7/8/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of letterhead memorandum (LHM) with one copy for Atlanta, Chicago and Cleveland, information concerning KING's schedule while in Los Angeles and press conference held by KING in Los Angeles on 7/9/65.

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KING's press conference was covered by SA [Redacted] Los Angeles Office, who was able to attend without having to identify himself to anyone and his presence at the press conference was not challenged by anyone.

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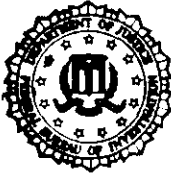
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Los Angeles, California

July 9, 1965

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER-C

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 8, 1965, that Martin Luther King, Jr. arrived at Los Angeles via American Airlines Flight 21 from New York at 8:45 PM on July 8, 1965 and is staying at the International Hotel adjacent to the International Airport, Los Angeles, although no advanced reservation had been made for KING under his name at the International Hotel.

KING has scheduled a press conference for 11:00 AM on July 9, 1965 at the International Hotel to be followed by a luncheon at noon at the Zion Hill Baptist Church, 5025 Mc Kinley Avenue, Los Angeles.

KING will tape a program entitled, "News Makers" from 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM on July 9, 1965, the program to be shown on Los Angeles Station KNXT-TV, Channel 2 on Saturday, July 10, 1965, from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. The program is under the production and direction of the KNXT-TV news staff and will consist of questions and answers concerning KING and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Following this, KING has a private dinner engagement.

Saturday, July 10, 1965, KING will be the honored guest at a luncheon hosted by friends of SCLC at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

On July 11, 1965, at 10:45 AM, KING will be the speaker at the Friendly Baptist Church, Pasadena, California and at 3:00 PM on the same day he will address the concluding four day assembly of the Western Christian Leadership Conference at a mass rally at the Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue, Los Angeles.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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KING held a press conference in the name of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at 11:00 AM on July 9, 1965 on the mezzanine of the International Hotel, Los Angeles. At the outset of the press conference, Reverend H. H. BROOKINS, Chairman of the United Civil Rights Committee (UCRC) a local civil rights organization, described a meeting the previous night during which meeting it had been decided to hold selective demonstrations to register their protests against Mayor SAM YORTY's inadequate organization of the local implementation of the Anti-Poverty Program. BROOKINS said that after consulting with Reverend KING they had decided upon current demonstrations on a selective basis as well as subsequent massive demonstrations after KING's return to Los Angeles, date of which was not given.

KING gave no prepared statement to the press but answered questions pertaining to him. He made no comment and was asked no questions on Vietnam and foreign policies. He acknowledged a possibility that he would lead massive demonstrations in Los Angeles. He stated that other communities have the problem of implementing the Anti-Poverty Program but these communities are working it out in much better fashion than Los Angeles.

In answer to a question as to whether these demonstrations were a move to seek local power, KING answered that they were always interested in obtaining moral, creative and political power and that power always responds to power, although the misuse of power is always possible. It was necessary for them to have power in order to achieve their desires and the moral power that they had achieved through demonstrations in the South had to be turned into political power and used as creative power.

The SCLC plans to have demonstrations in five or six Northern cities although these cities have not been selected with the exceptions of Chicago and Cleveland. The other cities will be selected in a few days. KING was asked if he had any plans to go to Mississippi during the summer of 1965, and he stated that his organization knows he is on standby and will go any time.

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He was asked why Los Angeles was selected for action by his group this summer and he answered that it was because of the poor implementation of the Anti-Poverty Program by Mayor YORTY. He said that Negroes and other minority groups have to conduct massive demonstrations. When asked if there were other reasons inasmuch as Los Angeles had been picked for this action several weeks before the current disagreement over the Anti-Poverty Program, KING replied that Los Angeles was also picked because it was a critical area in the passage in 1964 of Proposition 13 which defeated Fair Housing Laws in the State of California, because de facto school segregation still existed in Los Angeles and because there were inadequate opportunities for Los Angeles Negroes.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
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Mr. DeLoach:

Re: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The Baptist World Alliance is a worldwide organization of Baptists which meets every 5th year. In connection with the 11th meeting of this group which was held at Miami, Florida, last month, you will recall that we received information several months ago that the committee in charge of selecting speakers was giving some consideration to inviting King to address the conference. The Director approved that SA [redacted] and I discreetly approach several of the ministers on the program committee who were known to us personally and brief them informally on King's background with the distinct understanding that they were to keep the information strictly confidential. This was done and as a result King was not invited to address this worldwide Baptist meeting.

It is of interest to note that the July 8, 1965, issue of "Capital Baptist," a publication of the D. C. Baptist Convention contains an article about the Miami meeting reflecting that King attended as a delegate. Reporters met him at the airport and asked him why he had not been invited to speak at the meeting. King allegedly reported that he did not think it was necessary for him to speak at every Baptist Convention. King also reportedly stated, "I come as a delegate and as an individual Baptist. It is not necessary for me to be on the program to have fellowship with the brethren."

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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Director, FBI (100-106670)

1 - Mr. W. T. Forsyth

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Information is being received by the Bureau to the effect that subject King is to speak at a retreat later this month at Montreat, North Carolina, which will be held by a Presbyterian Church Group.

Recipient Offices should be extremely alert for information available through established sources as well as public source data concerning the specific group King will address, the date, and remarks made by him. As you are aware, King has recently been speaking about the Vietnam situation. The Bureau is particularly interested in his expressions relative to foreign policy, and it is very likely that he will speak on this subject before a church group.

Keep the Bureau promptly advised of all pertinent information and that which may be disseminated should be submitted by a letterhead memorandum.

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Director, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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The Bureau desires to determine, from information available in your files and, if necessary, checks with established reliable sources, whether or not there is any family relationship between subject and Chevene B. King, an attorney of Albany, Georgia, who is very prominent in civil rights matters.

Your teletype to the Bureau 12/16/61, "Joe Nesbitt; Slater Hunter King-victim; CR," contained information indicating that Chevene B. King is a cousin of subject King.

Promptly furnish the Bureau specific details as to the family relationship between the two Kings and, if available, extent of their association which would indicate how close they are to each other.

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NOTE:

This inquiry prompted by the fact that we recently received information indicating that an individual named Parker had been hired as a summer-trainee by the Civil Rights Division of the Department. The Bureau did a name check on Parker and furnished appropriate information to the Department. Bufiles revealed that Parker had at one time been employed by Attorney King at Albany, Georgia. Because of the material we are regularly furnishing to the Department concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., we feel it desirable to determine the exact relationship between subject King and the King for whom Parker had previously been employed.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority) 12-16-81 6076

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-57229) (P)
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 12-16-80 BY SP 4 W/mia 6076

Re Los Angeles radio gram dated 7/8/65, Los Angeles airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 7/9/65, and Los Angeles radio gram dated 7/10/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight (8) copies, two (2) for Atlanta, of a letterhead memorandum reporting further activities of KING while in Los Angeles.

The television show "Newsmakers" referred to in attached letterhead memorandum was monitored by SA [redacted]

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This case will remain in a pending status in the Los Angeles Office in view of KING's frequent trips to Los Angeles and the frequency with which leads are requested of Los Angeles resulting from the investigation of KING's activities.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report pertinent activities of KING on his visits to Los Angeles, and leads resulting from contacts by KING with people in Los Angeles.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

July 12, 1965

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Martin Luther King, Jr. appeared on KNXT-TV, Channel 2, Los Angeles on July 10, 1965 from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM on a program called "Newsmakers" which is produced by the KNXT-TV News Department. The program consisted of an interview with King by three KNXT newsmen.

King was reminded by one of the interviewers that he had recently called for a negotiated settlement in Vietnam and that Roy Wilkins and James Farmer had indicated that they did not believe the civil rights movement should become involved in the Vietnam situation, and King was asked if he still maintained the same position as before regarding Vietnam. King stated that he felt just as firmly now as ever before on the need for a negotiated settlement in Vietnam, but he did not favor unilateral withdrawal by the U.S. from Vietnam. King stated that while Wilkins and Farmer might not speak out, he feels that he must as he is a minister and has an obligation to speak out on moral issues. King stated that he did not believe this position on Vietnam would alienate any large number of civil rights supporters, and that he felt world peace is the most pressing issue facing the world today.

King stated that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) does not intend to organize demonstrations around the Vietnam situation, but he plans to continue speaking out on it.

King was asked his opinion concerning the charge against the Reverend Reeve, SCLC Chapter Official in Selma, Alabama. King stated that the charge had not yet been proven and that the possibility existed that it could be a false charge designed to embarrass SCLC.

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King stated that he was invited to Los Angeles to lend his support to the implementation of the Anti-Poverty Program in Los Angeles and to support the group which feels that the program will not be properly implemented if the plan of Mayor Sam Yorty to administer the program is adopted.

King stated that California has some of the same racial problems as found in other parts of the country namely, employment, housing and poverty.

King was asked his opinion of the organization known as the "Deacons" (Deacons for Defense and Justice) in Louisiana. King stated that he thought the approach of the "Deacons" was impractical. He conceded that a person has a right to defend himself against violence but felt that the approach by the "Deacons" is wrong because it tends to promote an organized movement that has an aspect of violence in itself.

The "Star-News" a daily afternoon newspaper published at Pasadena, California, issue of July 12, 1965, Page 13, carried an article captioned, "Dr. King Blasts Polices of Churches." The article dealt with a talk delivered by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, July 11, 1964 at the Friendship Baptist Church, Pasadena, California. According to the article King charged that churches in general were "disappointing men in their darkest hour." King is further quoted as stating, "The most segregated schools are Sunday schools."

The "Los Angeles Times" a daily metropolitan Los Angeles newspaper, Monday, July 12, 1965, Part 1, Page 20, carried an article entitled, "Deacons Harm Rights Drive Dr. King Says." The article reported King's appearance on Sunday afternoon (July 11, 1965) before an audience of 2500 at a civil rights rally at the Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue, Los Angeles. King was quoted as saying, "Our aim is not to annihilate our opponents but to free them from their prejudices and fears." He stated that the concept of defensive violence advocated by the Deacons

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For Defense and Justice would shift the civil rights movement "toward aggressive violence" and will result in the issues becoming "confused." King was quoted as stating, "I know our opponents in the South would like us to turn to violence. They know violence and they know how to deal with it. Bull Connor was always happy with violence but we drove him to frustration because of our nonviolence." The reference was to Eugene D. (Bull) Connor who was Public Safety Commissioner in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1963 when police dogs and fire hoses were used to disperse civil rights demonstrators.

The article stated that the rally was also for the purpose of trying to wipe out a campaign deficit of about \$8000 incurred in the recent election of the Reverend James Edward Jones to the Los Angeles City Board of Education.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 9, 1965, that King and his party, while in Los Angeles, were registered in room 600-603, International Hotel, 6211 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, adjacent to the International Airport, where they would be registered there until their departure, scheduled for the early morning of July 12, 1965.

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 9, 1965, that King and his party had been provided with two automobiles and two drivers by the Los Angeles Police Department during their stay in Los Angeles and would be under constant escort by the Los Angeles Police Department during their stay. Twenty four hour police protection would be provided by the Los Angeles Police Department, according to the same source.

The second source further advised on July 12, 1965, that King and his party departed Los Angeles at 2:35 AM on the morning of July 12, 1965 by Delta Airlines, Flight No. 820 which was due to arrive in Atlanta, Georgia at 9:42 AM the same day, Atlanta time.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of July 8th has been received, and I want to thank you for your kind comments about the FBI.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please do not consider this as a nuisance letter,
for I am sure that you get a great number of them.

I am quite concerned with the operations of my
church. I am a member of the Covenant Presbyterian Church
of Monroe, and have been informed that at the General
Sessions in Montreat, North Carolina, they are going to
have Dr. Martin Luther King to speak. I have heard
various rumors that he has been affiliated with certain
Communist organizations and could possibly be a Communist
himself. As far as Dr. King being a Negro and talking,
I couldn't care less, but my concern is his Communistic
affiliations and teachings.

I have been told by many that my letter will be
ignored by your Department, but I know that the Federal
Bureau of Investigation is an American organization int-
erested only in the welfare of the American people, and
I feel confident that I will hear from you right away
concerning this matter.

Yours truly,

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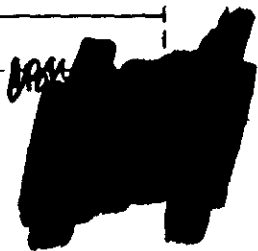
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Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta, 7-1-65.

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JAMES REUBEN REED's photograph was displayed to Birmingham Agents familiar with KING and his associates and REED was unknown to these agents. No information has been developed by Birmingham that REED is a bodyguard of KING's or that he has traveled with him while KING has been in the Birmingham area in the past.

The Birmingham indices were negative concerning JAMES REUBEN REED, JAMES REID, and JOHN REEDS.

On 7-8-65, the following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] Birmingham, Alabama PD, advised after viewing a photograph of REED that REED was unknown to him and to his knowledge he had never seen him in the company of KING at any time. He stated that he and [redacted] and [redacted] both of the Birmingham PD, who have handled racial matters during the past three years and are well acquainted with KING and his activities and associates and might be able to furnish

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information as to whether or not REED has traveled with KING at any time in the past.

[REDACTED] both advised after viewing REEDS photograph that he was unknown to them and to their knowledge they have never seen him in the company of KING in the Birmingham area or elsewhere at anytime in the past. They advised that KING generally travels with ANDREW YOUNG one of his aides from Atlanta, Georgia. They stated that it is entirely possible that KING may have bodyguards traveling with him; however, they do not possess any specific information that supports this. They advised that should they obtain any information concerning REED or anyone else traveling in this capacity with KING that would furnish this information to this office. b7c

Birmingham will keep the Bureau advised of any information relating to this matter that comes to its attention.

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Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
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Dear Mr. Watson:

My letter to you dated July 7, 1965, furnished information concerning the position of Martin Luther King, Jr., with respect to Vietnam. The following additional information is being called to your attention as of possible interest to the President.

On the evening of July 10, 1965, King appeared on a program entitled "Newsmakers" produced by the KNXT-TV News Department in Los Angeles, California. The program consisted of an interview of King by three newsmen of KNXT. King was reminded by one of the interviewers that he had recently called for a negotiated settlement in Vietnam and that Roy Wilkins and James Farmer had indicated that they did not believe the civil rights movement should be involved in the Vietnam situation. King was asked if he still maintained the same position as before regarding Vietnam.

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Honorable Harvin Watson

NOTE:

Memorandum from F. J. Baumgardner to W. C. Sullivan
7/12/65 advised of the above and stated that dissemination
would be made to State, the Department and the intelligence
community. The Director noted "Also to Watson." We have made
separate dissemination to State, the Department and the intelli-
gence community.

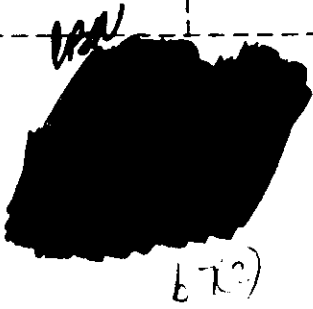
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FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (100-646) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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(OO: Atlanta)



Re Bureau airtel dated 7/1/65.

and [redacted], St. Johns County SO, St. Augustine, Florida, advised no one resembling JAMES REID was observed in the company of KING while in the St. Augustine area.

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[redacted] and [redacted] St. Augustine, Fla. PD, advised JAMES REID appears unfamiliar to them and is not believed to have been in this area at the time MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was in St. Augustine.

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 - 1 - Mr. D.J. Brennan
 - 1 - Mr. Bates

Honorable Lee C. White
Special Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

Reference is made to your memorandum to the Attorney General dated July 9, 1965, which forwarded a letter to the President dated July 4, 1965, from [redacted] Providence 8, Rhode Island. [redacted] letter is attached. [redacted] charged in his letter that a Mr. Sullivan of the Federal Bureau of Investigation stated in a recent briefing session at The National War College that it was widely known that the Reverend Martin Luther King was a homosexual.

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Assistant Director William C. Sullivan of this Bureau delivered an address before the Defense Strategy Seminar, The National War College, Washington, D. C., on June 22, 1965, on the subject, "Internal Security." The members of the Seminar held security clearance through Secret. Mr. Sullivan's address and the question-and-answer period that followed was a classified discussion up to and including Secret.

Mr. Sullivan made no mention of King in his address although the role of King in the civil rights movement was brought up by one of those present in the question-and-answer period. Mr. Sullivan neither praised King nor referred to him as a homosexual.

The Director of the Defense Strategy Seminar has advised that the records of the Seminar did not list Fain as having been present at the Seminar.

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Honorable Lee C. White

The files of this Bureau indicate that Fain is the Secretary of Apex Wire and Rubber Company, Pawtucket, Rhode Island. He was a contributor in 1957, 1960, and 1963 to the Southern Conference Educational Fund. This organization was previously known as the Southern Conference for Human Welfare and under that name was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities. Mr. Fain was listed as a reference in a United States passport application filed at Tokyo, Japan, by one Harry Francis Alber, who was indicted by a Federal grand jury in 1958 for violation of Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code, based on denial that he was a member of the Communist Party.

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In any reply to [REDACTED] you may desire to point out to him that Assistant Director William C. Sullivan of the Federal Bureau of Investigation delivered an address before the Defense Strategy Seminar, The National War College, Washington, D. C., in June, 1965. It also could be pointed out to him that since this was a classified discussion, you are not at liberty to disclose to him exactly what was said; however, you have looked into the matter and have ascertained that Mr. Sullivan did not state that Martin Luther King was a homosexual.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

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(See cover memo W. C. Sullivan to A. H. Belmont, dtd 7/15/65 captioned "Irving Jay Fain, Providence, Rhode Island, Letter to the President," prepared by RFB:deh.)

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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July 15, 1965

Honorable William E. Dannemeyer
Member of Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento 14, California

[Handwritten signature]
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FBI

Dear Mr. Dannemeyer:

On July 12th I received the copy of your letter to [redacted] and the post card which you enclosed.

b7(c) With respect to [redacted] request, I can assure him that this Bureau is ever cognizant of its responsibilities regarding the internal security of our Nation, and we will make every effort to continue to discharge our obligations with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: We have had prior limited cordial correspondence with Mr. Dannemeyer in which he was addressed as "Honorable." [redacted] is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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1105 E. COMMONWEALTH
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FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA
TEL: TROJAN 1-1046

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WILLIAM E. DANNEMEYER
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY, SIXTY-NINTH DISTRICT

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Dannemeyer
and
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[Redacted]

Placentia, California

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your recent post card concerning
Martin Luther King and his associates.

I am sure that the FBI is aware of the ac-
tivities of Mr. King and will prosecute him should he
violate a law. In any event, I am forwarding a copy of
this letter, along with your postcard, to Mr. John Edgar
Hoover so that he may receive first-hand your request
for an investigation into the activities of Mr. Martin
Luther King.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM E. DANNEMEYER

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cc: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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To King's right, Aubrey Williams, pres. of the communist front SCEF, and Myles Horton, dir, Highlander Folk School for communist training at Monteagle, Tenn. This picture taken by secret counteragent during a Red Workshop in race agitation. (For additional copies, write Councilor, Oil & Gas Bldg., Shreveport, La. \$1 per 100.)

Dear Mr. Dennemeyer

Lets promote a FBI Investigation of MLK Rustin and assc.

 b7(c)
Placentia, Calif.

To: William Dannemeyer
State Capitol Building
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-57229)
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM), with one (1) copy for Atlanta for information, concerning a possible monetary donation to KING.



Attached LHM is classified confidential because the disclosure of the above mentioned sources could reasonably result in the identification of sources of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

Los Angeles will report any additional information they might receive concerning the matter set forth in attached LHM.

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Recess
Felice GAT
& memo

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July 15, 1965

[Redacted]

Richmond, Virginia

Dear [Redacted] b7(c)

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Your letter of July 11th has been received, and I want to thank you for your interest in writing.

With respect to your request, regulations of the Department of Justice pertaining to the confidential nature of the information contained in FBI files preclude my commenting as you suggested. I trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I am unable to be of assistance in this instance.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles reflect nothing derogatory concerning correspondent and one prior outgoing to him dated 4/28/58.

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Richmond, Va. 23222
 July 11, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Justice Building
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

During the latter part of this month there will be a meeting at Montreat, N.C. at which Martin Luther King is to make the keynote address. The invitation was made to Mr. King by responsible people in the Church for the purpose of having a respected and well-known leader of negroes present the negro's viewpoint on matters of the civil rights movement.

Some have sought to have the invitation to Mr. King withdrawn but whether this was done because of personal dislike or prejudice or because of the many allegations of immorality and communist affiliation, I do not know. The motives behind the efforts to prevent his giving the address have, in some cases, been to inhibit the spread of influence among the church people by someone about whom there is so much question, but these people have no evidence of a definite nature and therefore are not listened to, so the invitation still stands.

I have talked this matter over with the executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. He is in a position to, and said that he would take immediate action to have the invitation withdrawn upon presentation of authoritative evidence of a detrimental nature such as immorality or communist affiliation.

No officials of the Church have the means or facilities to pursue a conclusive investigation such as your Bureau is actually set up for and you doubtless would not wish such an investigation because of probable impediment in some of the work of your investigators or informers. But if Mr. King is in reality a saboteur of American thought parading in clerical garb rather than a sincere and dedicated worker for the advancement of civil rights there should be some way of determining the fact.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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You obviously cannot give out information to anyone and everyone who wishes to know about individuals or organizations since the rights of the individual must be protected. I am sure you feel also that the rights of the many individuals must be protected in the same way.

There are many posters on the post office walls pertaining to wanted men. The public knows about these men and is warned. These men have the rights accorded any citizen under our constitution. Mr. King has these rights also, but the public does not know, and is not warned. Even though many have asked earnestly so they will not follow a false leader they cannot know the truth.

The Bureau does not seek to dupe these who are sincere, but if they plead for guidance and you do not help, which cause is being helped? Will you speak with the man I have referred to? He is an astute man of stature in the Church and will neither betray any confidence nor use any information you give him except as you direct.

Sincerely,



Richmond, Va.

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July 15, 1965

AIRMAIL

[Redacted address block]

Olympia, Washington

Dear [Redacted name]

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In response to your letter of July 9, 1965, with enclosure, data in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only, pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I have never made any such statement as that attributed to me in the rumor you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles on the basis of the information she furnished. Address obtained from the self-addressed envelope enclosed by correspondent which is being utilized in reply.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

July 9, 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It has been rumored that you, Mr. Hoover, have made the statement that Martin Luther King, James Farmer, and other Negro leaders are Communists. Is this your opinion? If so, on what grounds did you form this decision? From their past associations? From their present associations? Frankly, Mr. Hoover, I feel that what a persons past has been is not so important as what their beliefs are in the present. People can change their opinions from day to day.

Will you please be so kind as to answer the questions contained herein by simply checking the correct answer; and adding your signature at the bottom?

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. I would like to get the truth and not listen to rumors, the only way a person can reach the truth is to go directly to the source.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature]

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Centralia, Washington

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Question: Is Martin Luther King a Communist?

Answer: Yes _____ No _____

Question: Is James Farmer a Communist?

Answer: Yes _____ No _____

If the answer is yes, please tell me why you think they are.

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director

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The Attorney General

July 16, 1965

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. D.J. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. Bates

**PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND
LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT**

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Your memorandum of July 13, 1965, forwarded a letter to the President dated July 4, 1965, from Providence 6, Rhode Island. This letter had been forwarded to you by memorandum dated July 9, 1965, from Mr. Lee C. White, Special Counsel to the President, the White House. A true copy of [redacted] letter is attached.

I thought you would be interested in the enclosed copy of a letter which I have furnished to Mr. Lee C. White in connection with this matter.

Upon detachment of the classified enclosure, this transmittal letter becomes unclassified.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosures - 2)

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NOTE:

See memorandum W. C. Sullivan to A. H. Belmont, dated 7/15/65, same caption, prepared by RFB:deh.

This letter is classified Secret because it transmits an enclosure, so classified.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 7/14/65

Attached letter to the President was referred to the Attorney General and in turn referred to Mr. DeLoach for suggestions as to how it can be handled. Allegation against Sullivan is false. Bufiles reflect writer, a donor to the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., successor organization to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare which was cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. We are expediting preparation of a detailed memorandum with a reply to the White House, and the Attorney General.

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From

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

7/13/65

~~Mr. DeLoach:~~

Do you have any suggestions which the Attorney General might make to Lee White?

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 9, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. Nicholas Katzenbach
The Attorney General

How do you suggest we handle this one?



Lee C. White
Special Counsel to the President

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Providence 6, Rhode Island

The Fourth of July, 1965

Dear Mr. President,

At at briefing session for invitees from many parts of the country, held at the War College in Washington this past week, a Mr. Sullivan of the FBI (probably Wm C. Sullivan, Domestic Intelligence Div.) talked of the Rev. Martin Luther King, ostensibly to praise him, but including the statement that it was widely known that King was a homosexual. The hundreds of listeners have now returned to their homes, where they have already revealed this "inside information" to thousands of intimates. The damage has been done. As in all such McCarthyite character assassinations, the libel cannot be answered or withdrawn. Sullivan's action is unforgiveable. It calls for immediate disciplinary action, and affirmative steps to prevent a recurrence by any of his colleagues.

Sincerely

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Memorandum ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

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TO : Mr. Sullivan DATE: 6/29/65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *FJB/bs*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. D.J. Brennan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

We have just obtained information by chance which, if proven true, will give us a golden opportunity to discredit King because of his communist connections

[REDACTED] was engaged in a golf game with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has known these two individuals only a short period of time; they are aware of his employment in the FBI. [REDACTED] initiated a conversation about King by observing that a friend of his, [REDACTED] had told him that he, [REDACTED] had discussed King with the President and that the President is reluctant to expose King's communist connections because of the harm it would do to the civil rights movement. (It will be recalled that there was recent newspaper publicity wherein [REDACTED] was critical of the President on the King matter and we furnished details to the White House and Attorney General.)

[REDACTED] observed that an acquaintance, a [REDACTED] who is employed at [REDACTED] had told him the following which had been related to her by her brother who is a banker [REDACTED]. According to the banker, King has a numbered account in his bank with a balance of over one million dollars. [REDACTED] said he was surprised to have received this information because he thought it most indiscreet for a bank official to divulge such information, even to a sister, inasmuch as identities of holders of numbered accounts are the most closely-held type of information existing in banking circles. Without showing undue interest, [REDACTED] ascertained that (1) [REDACTED] is a spinster, hence her brother's name is also [REDACTED] (2) banker [REDACTED] holds the position of Executive Director of the unknown bank; (3) [REDACTED] holds a responsible secretarial position at [REDACTED] and is considered by [REDACTED] as most reliable.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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✓ Remytel to Bureau and Atlanta 7/8/65 entitled
 "THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
 7/24/65. u

Enclosed for Bureau are eight copies and Atlanta
 two copies of letterhead memorandum (LHM) captioned as
 above. u

Confidential source referred to in attached LHM
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

July 8, 1965

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Chicago, Illinois, 6:45 AM, July 8, 1965, that he received a telephone call from an unidentified male, stating that he was going to kill Martin Luther King, Jr. The caller did not give time, date or place, but indicated he was calling from O'Hare Airport, Chicago, Illinois. In source's opinion, caller was intoxicated. U

At 7:13 AM, July 8, 1965, an unidentified male individual telephonically contacted the FBI at Chicago, Illinois, requesting information whether the FBI is going to protect Martin Luther King, Jr. Caller stated that the FBI should not put any white men in front of King "because we don't kill white men." U

Caller indicated he and associates were going to kill King on King's next visit to Chicago on July 24, 1965. He indicated he belongs to a Goldwater group and includes "Black Muslims" and "Reds" as their enemies. Caller indicated he was from Texas and was calling from the vicinity of O'Hare Field, Chicago, Illinois. U

Caller gave the reason for this intended action as King "is going to raise the devil here in Chicago and we are for Goldwater." U

In regard to July 24, 1965, it is noted that at a press conference held in Chicago July 7, 1965, Martin Luther King, Jr., indicated that he intended to return to Chicago July 24, 1965, to aid in the civil rights movement in Chicago. U

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Police Department, was advised of the above information. u

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[REDACTED] United States Secret Service,
Chicago, Illinois, and [REDACTED], Region I,
113th INTC Group, Chicago, Illinois, were advised of the
above information. u

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING
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(OO: Atlanta)

Clarence Jones
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On 7/8/65, [redacted] advised that on 7/8/65, CLARENCE JONES' secretary attempted to contact MARTIN LUTHER KING in Atlanta and was told to try to reach him at the Hotel Astor in New York (indicating that JONES did not know of KING's overnight visit to New York).

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Thereafter, JONES contacted BERNARD LEE, aide to KING, at the Hotel Astor. There are enclosed for the Bureau, 8 copies of a LHM containing the conversation between LEE and JONES.

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This LHM is classified "~~Secret~~" because it contains information from [redacted] a highly sensitive source furnishing information about racial matters in the U.S. and Communist influence therein.

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New York, New York
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Re: Martin Luther King
Security Matter - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 8, 1965, that on that date, Clarence Jones was in contact with Bernard Lee, aide to Martin Luther King, Jr. Lee stated that they were passing through New York on the way to the coast and that he was on his way to meet "him" (Martin Luther King) for a 1:15 p.m. flight. Lee mentioned that they would be at the International Inn at Los Angeles and would be there until Sunday (July 11).

Jones stated that he wanted to discuss with King the matter of newspaper accounts concerning Reverend Reece in Selma (Reverend F.D. Reece, integration leader, Selma, Alabama, who was indicted by the Dallas County Grand Jury on charges of embezzling funds of the civil rights movement in Selma). He said he wanted to discuss the matter with him in terms of possible statements he should or should not make concerning fund raising in that area.

Lee mentioned that the "WSCLC" (probably the West Coast Southern Christian Leadership Conference) is holding its convention out there (California).

Subsequently, Lee told Jones that the plane was delayed and was supposed to leave at 1:30 p.m. He added that they would be in California the night of July 8.

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Re: Martin Luther King
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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel
to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights,
15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated
pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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 URGENT 7-10-65 2:19 AM
 TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA
 FROM LOS ANGELES 110350

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C.

RE LOS ANGELES RADIOGRAM JULY 8, 1965.

KING INTERVIEWED ON KNXT-TV, LOS ANGELES ON "NEWSMAKER" PROGRAM JULY 10 INSTANT.

KING IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, STATED THAT WHILE HE DOES NOT FAVOR UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL BY THE UNITED STATES FROM VIETNAM, HE FIRMLY FAVORS A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND AS A MINISTER FEELS OBLIGATED TO SPEAK OUT ON THIS MORAL ISSUE.

KING STATED "SCLC" DOES NOT INTEND TO ORGANIZE DEMONSTRATIONS AROUND VIETNAM SITUATION BUT HE PLANS TO CONTINUE SPEAKING OUT ON IT.

REST OF INTERVIEW DEALT WITH CR MATTERS.

LHM WILL BE SUBMITTED.

KING AND PARTY ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART LOS ANGELES 2:35 AM JULY 12 NEXT VIA DELTA FLIGHT 820 ARRIVING AT ATLANTA AT 9:42 AM SAME DATE.

RECEIVED: 2:48 AM 7-11-65 MLT

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*Memo Bird next to Sullivan
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Mission, Kansas 66205

Dear [redacted]

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I have received your letter of July 9th, with enclosure, and the concern which prompted your communication is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to comment as you desire.

Enclosed is some material of a general nature which I hope you will find of interest.

MAILED 11
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COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Handwritten initials

Enclosures (2)

Testimony of JEH before House Subcommittee on Appropriations 3/4/65 re Civil Rights

Testimony of JEH before House Subcommittee on Appropriations 3/4/65 re Communism

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The enclosure furnished by [redacted] depicts Martin Luther King at the Highlander Folk School.

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MISSION, KANSAS
July 9, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am not so presumptuous as to think that this letter will reach Mr. Hoover but I hope that it will receive the attention of a responsible person. I think I am worthy of an answer.

The enclosed post card was sent to me via the United States Mail. Whereas the card is not signed, a practice I detest, evidence of the source of supply is plainly disclosed and I presume exists.

To say that one who practices Americanism frowns on Communist theory and activities in our country is the understatement of the year.

My point is: the fact that this is being mailed through the U S mail, and apparently not curtailed, indicates that there is truth to facts evidenced by this picture.

If Martin Luther King is as closely associated with Communists and Communist activities as this picture reveals, I think the citizens of United States are worthy of and should be advised of the facts. Likewise if this is a fake picture, the author of same should be prosecuted for liable.

May I have a reply ?

Very truly yours

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CORRESPONDENCE

Lower left, arms folded, is Almer W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. To King's right, Ambrey Williams, pres. of the communist front NCF, and Myles Horton, dir. Highlander Folk School, communist training at Monteagle, Tenn. This picture taken by secret counter-intelligence Red Worksho... additional copies, write Councilor, Gas Station, Sharpsport, Pa.



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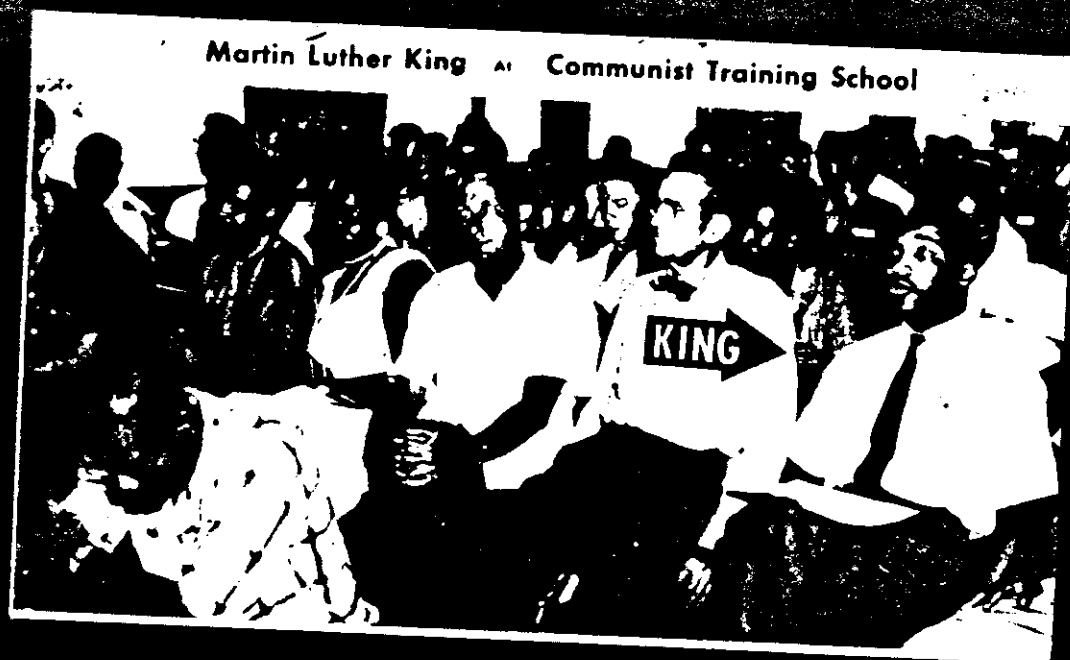
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TO : Mr. Sullivan

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
 SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

DATE: 7/12/65

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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You will recall that under the date of 7/7/65 we disseminated to the White House, Secretary of State and the Attorney General a special paper concerning the position of King and the Communist Party, USA, on Vietnam. King was reported as having declared in a speech on 7/1/65 that he and his aides would study the use of "peace rallies" and so-called teach-ins to bring pressure to bear in foreign policy matters. He reportedly stated that he "was not going to sit by and see war escalated without saying anything about it," and he called for a negotiated settlement.

Our Los Angeles Office has advised that King was interviewed on the "Newsmaker" program of KNXT-TV, Los Angeles, 7/10/65. In response to questions, King stated that while he does not favor unilateral withdrawal by the United States from Vietnam, he firmly favors a negotiated settlement. As a minister he feels obligated to speak out on the moral issue. King also said that his organization, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, does not intend to organize demonstrations around the Vietnam situation but that he plans to continue speaking out on it.

OBSERVATIONS:

Although this latest expression by King does not basically alter his position, it is possible that he may have changed his strategy somewhat in that he had on 7/1/65 indicated the possible use of "peace rallies" and teach-ins, and he now says that his organization does not intend to organize demonstrations.

ACTION:

We will disseminate to the State, Department and the intelligence community King's most recent pronouncement and will continue to follow closely King's attempted involvement in foreign policy matters and particularly what communist influences there may be on him in this area.

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Watson 7/11/65

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Remytels, 7/6/65 and 7/7/65. *u*

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and Atlanta two copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned as above. *u*

At a Press Conference held 7/7/65 at the Palmer House, Chicago, KING made no reference to Viet Nam or to the U.S. foreign policy. *u*

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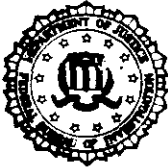
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

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[REDACTED] advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Chicago, Illinois, at 8:35 p.m., July 6, 1965, that Martin Luther King, Jr., arrived at O'Hare Field, Chicago, at approximately 8:15 p.m., July 6, 1965, via Northwest Airlines, Flight 707. King immediately left O'Hare Field for the Palmer House Hotel, Chicago, where he is reportedly to remain overnight. King is scheduled to address the Fifth General Synod, United Church of Christ, at the Palmer House on this date. u

[REDACTED] Region I, 113th INTC Group, Chicago, Illinois, was advised of the above information at 8:51 p.m., July 6, 1965. u

Special Agent [REDACTED] United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois, was advised of the above information at 9:00 p.m., July 6, 1965. u b7(c)

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[REDACTED] advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation that on the evening of July 6, 1965, King addressed approximately 2,000 people at the Fifth General Synod of the United Church of Christ being held in the Palmer House, Chicago. u

Prior to this address, King held a Press Conference wherein he indicated that Chicago is "a likely city" for his Southern Christian Leadership Conference to begin civil rights demonstrations in the north. King stated that Chicago

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people have helped the civil rights movement a great deal in the south and "we owe it to ourselves to reciprocate". He declined to declare that demonstrations will be held in Chicago and added that he will hold a Press Conference on the following day to announce plans for the summer. u

On July 7, 1965, King held a Press Conference at the Palmer House Hotel, Chicago, commencing at 10:45 a.m. in company with Al Raby, Convenor of the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations (CCCO). He issued a statement as follows: u

"For the past several weeks we have received invitations from Negro leaders in the city of Chicago to join with them in their fight for quality integrated education for the children of Chicago. We have watched this movement with interest, and members of the staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference have maintained constant communication with the leadership. u

"It now seems possible to include a two or three day visit to Chicago in our burdensome schedule, and I would like to announce that as a result of meetings on last evening between members of my staff and Mr. Raby along with other leaders of Chicago civil rights organizations, I have agreed to accept the invitation to spend some time in Chicago, beginning July 24. u

"I will be joined by members of the staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and it will be our purpose to: u

"-Acquaint ourselves with the leadership of the civil rights movement and the forces of good will in the community. u

"-Get a first hand picture and understanding of some of the problems faced in the Northern city, by visiting local communities and talking with local leaders. u

"-Assist local leadership in interpreting the issues of the movement to a broader base of the community through a tour of Negro and selected white communities with frequent rallies on street corners and in churches. u

"-Rally the support of a coalition of the forces of good will around common goals." u

King stated that in addition to Chicago, other northern cities are to be visited by himself and his staff which will be announced in the next several days. He stated that his organization would come into communities to get a first hand picture of the problems and express themselves in areas of housing and other matters if these are the prime issues. There will be rallies on future developments in an effort to mobilize all of the support they can get in the community and there may be other developments. It will be after July 24, 1965, before his organization can actually enter the picture in Chicago. Al Raby will be in constant touch with his staff and will be working closely with them in making plans for the future. u

King stated there was some distinction between civil disobedience in the south and civil disobedience in the north, however, in the final analysis there is actually no difference. People are in a habit of breaking laws that are unjust and here there is conflict with federal laws. There are laws that appear to be just but are unconstitutional, which is one of the conflicts within the country. In the north they do not have unjust laws, however, unjustness is alive and very real and very serious. Civil disobedience is used in the south against unjust laws and in the north against unjustness. u

Regarding school bussing and segregation in schools, he said he favored school bussing but he thought this problem is so complex and must be a plurality of approaches to handling the problem. Bussing is one of the ways to end the problem of de facto segregation. King

further stated that he felt his presence in Chicago would help the civil rights movement in that he was considered to be a civil rights leader and that he wanted to join forces here and be a part of the struggle. Chicago is one of the largest cities in the country and he wished to help solve injustices here as he would anywhere. u

[REDACTED] advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Chicago, Illinois, at 1:35 p.m., July 7, 1965, that Martin Luther King, Jr., boarded American Airlines, Flight 326, scheduled to depart O'Hare at 1:00 p.m. July 7, 1965, for LaGuardia Terminal, New York City. u b7(D)

[REDACTED] United States Secret Service, Chicago, was advised of the above information. u b7(C)

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